

*A Report from the House Appropriations Committee, Democrats*

### REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

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OMB estimates that sequestration would require:

- A reduction of **9.4%** in 2013 for discretionary defense
- A reduction of **8.2%** in 2013 on discretionary non-defense

We estimate **an additional reduction of 1.9% for defense** to enforce the defense/

non-defense firewall that goes into effect because of the failure of the Joint Select Committee.

If a balanced solution isn't reached to address the fiscal cliff, CBO will overturn their forecast of steady growth for 2013, predicting another recession with a [9.1% unemployment rate](#). CRS estimates that the effect of sequestration alone would result in [1.4 million jobs](#) lost in the same year.

### DEFENSE

- Reducing Operations & Maintenance accounts will severely constrain resources for housing, training and equipping the troops.
- The required reduction to Procurement accounts would slow plans to modernize the helicopter fleet, impair the fielding of electronic warfare capabilities, make it more difficult to avoid a carrier-based strike fighter shortfall, slow efforts to field new surveillance aircraft, and disrupt the schedule of military space launches.
- Although sequestration exempts military personnel, it would, however, reduce funding available for psychological health, traumatic brain injury, and suicide prevention activities as well as the Defense Health Program.

### HOMELAND SECURITY

- Over **24,500** Homeland Security jobs lost including **3,400** Border Patrol agents, **3,400** Customs and Border Protection Officers and **7,200** Transportation Security Officers.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### FAA:

- **2,200** fewer employees at FAA's air traffic organization, including air traffic controllers, technicians and support staff, likely reducing the number of flights per day.
- Delay FAA's NextGen air traffic control modernization program.

### Food Safety:

- Effectively unable to implement the Food Safety Modernization Act.
- Fewer federal inspectors at slaughter and processing plants, requiring plant closures/reduced hours of operation.

### Department of Justice would have to eliminate **7,500** positions, including:

- **3,000** FBI, DEA, ATF agents and US Marshals and **1,000** attorneys investigating terrorism, drug, gun-running and violent crime related prosecutions.
- Furlough all remaining staff for 25 days.

Bureau of Prisons:

- **10%** reduction of correctional officer positions and a furlough of all remaining staff for 30 days.
- Likely result in unacceptably high inmate-to-staff ratio.

The Judiciary:

- **5,400** fewer court staff through forced downsizing and/or furloughs.

National Weather Service:

- Significant weather data gap of 2-4 years from polar-orbiting satellite, putting American communities at greater risk of major weather events.

Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Funds:

- As many as **110** new local agreements would not be executed.
- Loss of as many as **10,780** new jobs that would have been created building vital water infrastructure.

**PROTECTION OF FINANCIAL MARKETS**

- Major cutbacks at Securities and Exchange Commission would dramatically impact enforcement, examinations, and disclosure.
- Cutting Commodity Futures Trading Commission staff would delay Industry registration applications and implementation of the landmark Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- **3 million** fewer malaria treatments.
- **2.5 million** fewer women with access to family planning services.
- **650,000** fewer students receiving basic education.
- **270,000** fewer patients receiving HIV/AIDS medication.
- **60,000** fewer tuberculosis treatments.

## EDUCATION

- **100,000** fewer children nationwide enrolled in Head Start.
  - **20,000** fewer Head Start employees.
  - **12,000** fewer special education teachers and aides due to reduction in Special Ed Grants.
- This would impact over **500,000** students with special needs.
- **16,000** fewer teachers and aides nationwide due to reduction in Title I Grants.
  - **4,300** fewer at-risk youth in Job Corps education and skills training program.

## HEALTH, SCIENCE, AND INNOVATION

- As many as **1,000,000** fewer patients served in Community Health Centers.
- **2,400** fewer NIH research project grants.
- As many as **45,000** fewer breast & cervical cancer screenings for low-income women.
- **1,600** fewer NSF research and education grants, supporting **19,300** fewer researchers, students, and technical support staff.

## SAFETY-NET PROGRAMS

- **900,000** participants dropped from the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program.
- **80,000** fewer low-income children would receive child-care.
- **200,000** fewer participants in Section 8 housing, resulting in evictions.
- **100,000** fewer people would be served by Homeless Assistance Grants, putting them on the streets.

## CONGRESS & THE WHITE HOUSE

- More than **\$100,000** reduction to each House Congressional Office.
  - Reduced travel, staff, and IT systems for the National Security Council, the Homeland Security Council, the Council of Economic Advisors, and the US Trade Representative's office.
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